

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska Fire Standards Council RDU/Component Budget Summary

RDU/Component: Alaska Fire Standards Council*(There is only one component in this RDU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate RDU section.)***Contribution to Department's Mission**

To establish professional standards for fire service personnel, and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs.

Core Services

- Govern the process for the accreditation and regulation of fire service training programs.
- Govern the process for the certification and regulation of individuals who meet established performance standards.
- Determine certification eligibility for all fire service personnel and issue appropriate level of certificate.
- Monitor compliance with professional standards.
- Provide the forum for constructive participation of all agencies and organizations with a focus in fire service training schools and programs.
- Develop and maintain a long-term strategy for supplemental funding to assist fire departments with certification training and compliance.

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
A: Professional certification for firefighters in Alaska. <u>Target #1:</u> Increase number of certification programs by two <u>Status #1:</u> No new certification programs were adopted in CY2008	A1: Provide relevant standards adoption through review process. <u>Target #1:</u> Adopt and/or develop two additional training standards annually for use in Alaska <u>Status #1:</u> No new training standards were adopted in CY2008 A2: Ensure that existing standards are updated to latest revisions. <u>Target #1:</u> Review and update 25% of existing standards annually <u>Status #1:</u> No reviews or updates were conducted in CY2008

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Firefighter certification, fire instructor certification, fire investigator certification, and certification at other approved levels.
- Review of fire service certification programs.
- Development of fire service certification programs.
- Coordinate fire service certification opportunities.
- Field audits of current fire service programs.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$486,100

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Performance

A: Result - Professional certification for firefighters in Alaska.

Target #1: Increase number of certification programs by two**Status #1:** No new certification programs were adopted in CY2008

Number of Adopted Certification Programs (calendar year)

Year	Number Adopted This Year	Total Programs
2008	0	23
2007	3	23
2006	5	20
2005	4	15
2004	0	11
2003	6	11
2002	5	5

Analysis of results and challenges: Although three certification programs were adopted in the fall of 2007, no new certification programs were adopted during CY2008. The council concentrated on filling its full-time council administrator and administrative clerk positions and establishing administrative duties for these positions. These positions are a result of legislative action that established an avenue for the Alaska Fire Standards Council to receive general funds, replacing receipt services funding which proved to be unrealizable. In FY2009, the new administrative staff has assumed the certification of fire service personnel from the training and education bureau. The presence of full time staffing in FY2009 enables continued management of day-to-day administrative functions and has increased the council's ability to efficiently review and approve related standards and certification. The Alaska Fire Standards Council office now provides much needed support to fire certification and accreditation functions.

A1: Strategy - Provide relevant standards adoption through review process.

Target #1: Adopt and/or develop two additional training standards annually for use in Alaska**Status #1:** No new training standards were adopted in CY2008

Number of Adopted Training Standards (calendar year)

Year	Number Adopted This Year	Total Standards
2008	0	7
2007	3	7
2006	1	4
2005	0	3
2004	1	3
2003	2	2

Analysis of results and challenges: The council is currently reviewing two standards for adoption. No new standards were adopted during CY2008. Targeted annual standards adoption has been increased from previous years from one to two.

A2: Strategy - Ensure that existing standards are updated to latest revisions.

Target #1: Review and update 25% of existing standards annually

Status #1: No reviews or updates were conducted in CY2008

Number of Reviewed/Updated Training Standards (calendar year)

Year	Number Updated this Year	Total Standards Updated
2008	0	0

Analysis of results and challenges: To date, the Alaska Fire Standards Council has not revised previously adopted standards. Existing standards and certification programs require review. Changes in certification requirements and national standards warrant recurring revisions, and the council has adjusted the methodology for standards and certification review.

The Alaska Fire Standards Council began operation in 2001. The first fire service certifications and standards were adopted in 2002. Prior to the establishment of the council, no statewide standards were in place. National standards are used unless they do not meet Alaska's fire service needs, in which case state standards must be adopted.

Key Component Challenges

There are currently few uniform performance standards for fire service personnel in the state. The public is entitled to a reasonable expectation that personnel responding to a call for emergency services are adequately trained to mitigate the emergency. The responder is entitled to a level of training that allows him or her to operate in a manner that minimizes personal risk.

Without state-established standards, the local fire and emergency services personnel are subject to National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards, which are largely irrelevant in many parts of the state, especially communities that do not have paid staff, fire hydrants, or fire trucks. The Alaska Fire Standards Council has the authority to establish standards relevant to Alaska communities. The council format assures a cross sectional representation as standards are developed and adopted.

In FY2009, the legislature established an avenue for the Alaska Fire Standards Council to receive general funds. Previous receipt services funding proved to be unrealizable. With the new funding a full-time council administrator and administrative clerk were hired and they assumed the certification of fire service personnel from the training and education bureau. The presence of full time staffing in FY2009 has enabled continued management of day-to-day administrative functions and has increased the council's ability to efficiently review and approve related standards and certification. The Alaska Fire Standards Council office now provides much needed support to fire certification and accreditation functions.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

Members of the Alaska fire service are very aware of the hazards associated with emergency response, and an effective statewide standard and certification program ensures that fire service personnel are prepared to perform their duties using safe and successful techniques. The Alaska Fire Standards Council office will endeavor to provide a proactive standard and certification process and support statewide fire department training program standardization and accreditation.

The Alaska Fire Standards Council office will maintain essential support to assist with the review of standards adoption and will provide a significant point of contact within the statutory and regulatory process. A key regulatory item for FY2010 is establishing background requirements for fire service personnel. This office will continue to work towards reducing the time associated with the certification application review process to ensure fire service personnel receive a prompt response from this office and will strive to have direct involvement with auditing and accreditation of fire department programs.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

In FY2008, the council had two standards under review and adopted three certification programs. (Note: These statistics are based on fiscal year as opposed to the calendar year statistics presenting in the Investing for Results section.)

The council members held two meetings this year, as required.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Fire Standards Council (AS 18.70.320-369)

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Alaska Fire Standards Council Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	149.9	160.7
72000 Travel	13.9	61.2	61.2
73000 Services	10.2	255.6	248.6
74000 Commodities	0.1	5.6	5.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	10.0	10.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	24.2	482.3	486.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1.2	228.4	232.2
1152 AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	23.0	253.9	253.9
Funding Totals	24.2	482.3	486.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	51077	23.0	253.9	253.9
Restricted Total		23.0	253.9	253.9
Total Estimated Revenues		23.0	253.9	253.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	228.4	0.0	253.9	482.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	3.8	0.0	0.0	3.8
FY2010 Governor	232.2	0.0	253.9	486.1

**Alaska Fire Standards Council
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	98,390
Part-time	0	0	COLA	4,027
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	58,277
			Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	160,694

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Admin	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2